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Response

Over the past several years, United States support has been provided for the Phung Hoang Program, principally for construction and office equipment expenditures.

	<u>U.S. Counterpart</u> (VN piasters in millions)	<u>U.S. \$ Equivalent</u> (millions @ 118/1)
1968	179	1.53
1969	172	1.46
1970	45	.38
1971	47.4	.40
1972 (end June)	<u>24.3</u>	<u>.11*</u>
TOTALS	467.7	3.88

These figures do not include advisory personnel costs which have not been quantified nor do they include wages paid U.S. Local National employees. Expenditures from the Government of Vietnam sources are classified.

*Exchange rate @ 420 in April and 425 in June of 1972.

Question #2

How many purported members of the Viet Cong Infrastructure have been "neutralized" during each year in which the program has been in existence? Of those neutralized, how many have been killed, how many captured and how many have rallied?

Response

Members of the VCI are counted as neutralized in three ways: (1) when rallying to the Government's side, (2) when captured and receiving a sentence by a court verdict, or (3) when killed in battle or while being apprehended. Neutralization results during the past several years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rallied</u>	<u>Captured/Detained</u>	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Total</u>
1968	2,229	11,288	2,259	15,776
1969	4,832	8,515*	6,187	19,534
1970	7,745	6,405*	8,191	22,341
1971	5,621	5,012*	7,057	17,690
1972 (end July)	<u>1,586</u>	<u>2,138*</u>	<u>2,675</u>	<u>6,399</u>
TOTALS	22,013	33,358	26,369**	81,740

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*Beginning in 1969 only those VCI receiving sentences or administrative detentions of at least one year were counted as a VCI neutralization.

**Over 85% of VCI in this category were killed in battle while serving with or accompanying enemy military forces.

Question #3

How many Vietnamese have been taken into custody under the program? How many of these have been sentenced? How many are now in confinement? How many were released without having been sentenced? What is the average length of the period of their confinement?

Response

In 1968, and during at least part of 1969, the GVN reported all VCI suspects taken into custody as neutralizations, regardless of the fact that many were soon released. In 1969 and subsequent years, the GVN reporting criteria was changed to count as "neutralized" only those who were actually found to be VCI and detained for at least one year. The figure for 1968 was 2,229. After 1969 the GVN did not maintain figures at the national level which reflect the total number of VCI suspects taken into custody, screened and released.

GVN figures for captured/detained for 1969 to the present reflect all those individuals who received detentions of at least one year, either from military courts, from civilian judicial courts, or from an emergency detention procedure called "An Tri". This "An Tri" procedure authorizes the detention of an individual after a review of his case by a Province Security Committee, consisting of the Province Chief, the Public Prosecutor, the Chairman or a member of the elected Province Council and other local security officials.

At province level information is kept on those presented for An Tri proceedings and released. These figures have not been kept at national level. No figures are kept on VCI suspects who are detained for short periods of time and then released without An Tri proceedings.

Under the present circumstances, category "B" VCI generally receive detentions of one year. Category "A" VCI receive detentions of not more than two years. These periods of detention are for those processed under An Tri. Individuals whose crimes are more specific than mere membership in the VCI may be tried before either military or civilian courts and can receive substantially longer sentences, such as for murder, kidnapping, etc.

The number of VCI presently in confinement is classified.

Question #4

What judicial processes are observed in the program? That is, are those who are captured tried and, if so, by what kind of tribunal?

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c. PSDF. PSDF preparedness improved during November as a result of the combat refresher training conducted during October. In addition, support leaders who were unable to attend scheduled training in September and October received makeup training in November. The National Assembly approved the 1973 PSDF budget as submitted. This budget is essentially the same as the 1972 budget except for cuts in funds for rallies, seminars, and radio programs. The Ministry of Defense (MOD) appealed to the President for the restoration of these funds; however, no decision has yet been released. MOD conducted a country-wide census of the PSDF during November and the results currently are being tabulated.

d. Protection of People Against Terrorism (POPAT) Program. Country-wide, VC terrorism continued at a high level during November. From January through November, terrorist incidents totaled 12,727. These incidents resulted in 4,128 persons assassinated, 9,076 wounded, and 13,901 abducted. The total number of incidents reported to date already exceeds the 8,937 reported during 1971, and is higher than the peak figure of 11,680 recorded in 1970. GVN facilities, including police stations, continued to be prime targets for VC terrorism. At the end of November, the National Police Command Operations Center report showed 400 KIA, 1,255 WIA, and 466 MIA since the beginning of the enemy invasions on 30 March. Police facility losses included 207 stations damaged or destroyed and 242 stations evacuated. The National Police have lost 3,357 weapons, 302 radios, 94 vehicles and one Marine Police patrol boat since the beginning of the invasion. The following are the cumulative results of the Anti-VC Special Operations from 1 April to 1 December 1972 (net changes from 28 October are shown in parentheses):

MR	ARRESTED	RELEASED	UNDER INVESTIGATION	PENDING AN TRI	AN TRI
CMD	1,121 (+172)	506 (+36)	70 (+49)	113 (+36)	432 (+51)
1	5,106 (+512)	3,078 (+248)	215 (+43)	126 (-15)	1,687 (+236)
2	8,404 (+1,594)	3,244 (+485)	1,646 (+1,252)	283 (-599)	3,231 (+456)
3	4,621 (+956)	2,839 (+592)	286 (+34)	356 (+212)	1,140 (+118)
4	7,960 (+1,385)	4,318 (+320)	416 (+212)	727 (+570)	2,499 (+283)
TOTAL	27,212 (+4,619)	13,985 (+1,681)	2,633 (+1,590)	1,605 (+204)	8,989 (+1,144)

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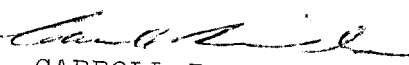
MEMORANDUM

Date 16 January 1973

To:

Subject: Phung Hoang Results

Enclosed is the most up to date info we have on Phung Hoang. First two pages are extracts from a Congressional Fact Sheet prepared by Col Singer in September 1972. The third sheet show results of F-6 campaign as of 1 December 1972. Hope this helps.


CARROLL R. WILSON
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